

Emergency Shelter & Permanent Supportive Housing

Overview of Funding Announcement & Application



DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
Agency of Human Services

Amount & Source of Funds

The State Fiscal Year 25 Budget includes the potential for up to \$10 million in contingency funding to expand shelter bed and permanent supportive housing capacity in the State.

**The availability of funds is contingent on SFY 2024 savings.*

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(a)(1) The Department for Children and Families shall continue to develop emergency shelters for the provision of lodging between December 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025 to households that do not meet the eligibility criteria for General Assistance Emergency Housing as described in subsection (a) of Sec. E.321 of this act or are otherwise in need of emergency shelter. (2) The Department shall work with community providers as available to deliver daytime and overnight shelter services.

(b)(1) In fiscal year 2025, \$10,000,000 allocated from the General Fund in Sec. B.1102(b)(9) of this act to expand shelter bed and permanent supportive housing shall be used by the Department to first develop emergency shelters as required in subsection (a) of this section. Any allocated funds that are not needed for emergency shelters may be used to expand permanent shelter bed and permanent supportive housing capacity.

Timeline

- **Applications due:** 4:00 PM, July 10, 2024
- Award Notifications rolling in July and August 2024
- Program Start Date & Program Period are project dependent

Application Sections

- A. Cover Sheet – all applicants
- B. Background Narrative – “new applicants” only
- C. Program Narrative – all applicants
 - Questions 1-6 all applicants
 - Questions 7-15 Emergency Shelter
 - Questions 16-19 Permanent Supportive Housing
- D. Budget & Justification – emergency shelter projects only
 - Project budget on excel template
 - Budget justification (on template or other format)
 - Federally-approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)
- E. Attachments – as applicable, please review carefully

Eligible Project Types & Activities

Emergency Shelter

- **Operations** of an emergency shelter project (including property acquisition, construction, use of modular construction and units, and significant renovation costs)
- **Essential Services** for homeless individuals and families in emergency shelter

Emergency Shelter means any facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide a temporary shelter for people experiencing homelessness in general or for a specific population of people experiencing homelessness, **AND** which does not require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements.

This includes temporary seasonal/warming shelters and apartments owned or leased by the grantee and intended for short-term stay only.

Eligible Project Types & Activities

Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Operations** of a permanent supportive housing project (including property acquisition, construction, use of modular construction and units, and significant renovation costs)

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is permanent housing in which assistance (e.g. long-term leasing or rental assistance) and supporting services are provided to assist households with at least one member with a disability or complex needs in achieving housing stability.

Funding for services must be leveraged.

Prioritization

In addition to the Selection Criteria, the following will be considered during the applicant review process:

Priority 1: Emergency Shelter Projects operational by December 2024

Additional priority will be given to (in no particular order):

- Municipalities
- Projects in Chittenden, Rutland, Washington, Bennington, and Windham Counties
- Projects that operate long term

Priority 2: Emergency Shelter Projects not operational by December 2024 & Permanent Supportive Housing Projects

Additional priority will be given to (in no particular order):

- Municipalities
- Projects in Chittenden, Rutland, Washington, Bennington, and Windham Counties
- Projects that operate long term

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Link to Funding Announcement & Application

<https://dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/partners/funding>